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Shuhei YOSHIDA et al.

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Application No.: 09/518,538

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COKE OVEN AND METHOD OF

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit a copy of the European Search Report dated May 15, 2002 for a corresponding application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited in the Search Report but not of record in the present application is enclosed.

- U.S. Patent No. 2,082,858 to Totzek; issued June 8, 1937;
- U.S. Patent No. 5,259,932 to Blase et al.; issued November 9, 1993;
- U.S. Patent No. 4,704,195 to Janicka et al.; issued November 3, 1987;

European Search Report for Application No. 00400569.0-1213 dated May 15, 2002.

I, the undersigned, hereby state that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than 30 (thirty) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

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